

... from Tommy Ryan stating that he will leave Syracuse, N. Y., on Sunday morning next and that he expected to arrive in this city by Thursday. Ryan has been matched to fight George (Doc) Woodward's pavilion on the 23rd of next month for the featherweight championship.

BOGUS NICKELS

Make "Killings" in the Slot Devices.

"Free Coinage" Results in Free Drinks.

Crude Counterfeiting Believed to be Done Near This City.

Fresno is at present flooded with a very crude counterfeit nickel, and it is believed that the counterfeiters have their plant a few miles from this city, where they turn out bogus five-cent pieces by the hundred.

The spurious coin is evidently made for the purpose of defrauding the many nickel-in-the-slot machines which are to be found in nearly every saloon and cigar stand in the town. The nickels are so crudely made to be passed successfully over the counter, although some of them might be taken without notice if the receiver happened to be a hurry.

They are successfully used in heating the slot machines, however, and when a pair of eyes, a "flush" or a "straight" is turned upon the machines the barkeeper or cigar man wonders whether the drinks or cigars were won by a bogus nickel or one of Uncle Sam's.

As there is no law, these use them almost exclusively in playing these machines it is very difficult to catch those "guys" who are cheating the public on the gambling devices.

Nearly every night when the earnings of the machines are counted up, some of these counterfeit pieces are invariably found in the receipts where they drop. The local officers are working on the matter, and they have a strong suspicion as to where the counterfeiting is done. About a year ago a lot of fraudulent "four-cent" pieces were made here, and a place that the officers had under surveillance was raided, but without finding the counterfeiting outfit.

The raid was successful, though, inasmuch as it put a stop for the time being to the making of these nickels. It is believed that the same people have again grown bold and are at their old work once more.

Secret Service Agent Harrie was in town several days ago, passing out the assumed names of Brown, and it is believed that his mission here was to assist the local officers in ferreting out the counterfeiting gang.

Several of the "home-made" nickels, which were taken out of a nickel-in-the-slot device night before last in a well-known saloon, were shown to a Republican reporter. So crude was the work that the imitation nickels had bits of old and chipped to the edges, and the surface was very rough. The counterfeiters bore the date of 1896, but they were as bright as a new dollar and were evidently fresh from the die.

The owners of slot machines are very much excited over the "bad" nickels, and until they are "withdrawn from circulation" the saloonists and cigar men get a cold chill every time a "killing" is made on the machines, for the counterfeit coin is as efficacious in flopping up winning cards as a government mint five-cent piece.

WILL GO TO PRISON.

Jeremiah Denomme Will Begin Serving His Sentence.

Jeremiah Denomme, who beat a man to death in Humboldt & Rodon's saloon and who was sentenced to five years' imprisonment at Folsom, has decided to go to the penitentiary instead of waiting in the county jail pending an appeal to the supreme court.

After he was sentenced, Denomme was granted a writ of habeas corpus, which stayed the execution of the judgment and entitled the prisoner to remain in the county jail. But it will be several months before the supreme court can pass on the case, and during the interim of the lower court be retained the prisoner would have lost the time that he spent in jail pending the appeal, but now he will begin serving his sentence, and will be released and returned to all his rights.

In order for him to go to prison Denomme's attorney had the writ of habeas corpus yesterday annulled.

NOVEL SLOT DEVICE.

It Makes a Killing Only for the Owner.

From the Stockton Record. The heathen Chinese is still up to his tricks that are dark and vain, and one pigtailed celestial on Washington street has a scheme that nets him many a dime. He is a merchant and in making change he always does it in the smallest coin possible, and sets them in a row on the center of the counter in the same manner as a gambler would throw out a stack of chips, that is, leaving them connected but sufficiently spaced so they can be easily counted. The customer's natural way of picking up the change is to place one hand under the edge of the counter and with the other hand cover the coin and draw some toward him.

Here is the place where Wun Lung gets his shot. Near the edge of the counter is a slot wide enough for a dime to slip through, although it has the appearance of being nothing but a crack in the wood. Among the coins thus jammed together some of them are bound to stand on edge and when they strike that crack it's good bye dime, and when the customer departs Mr. Wun Lung smiles his innocent smile, reaches his talon fingers under the counter and pockets the proceeds. Not wishing this way celestial to be flooded with business I have purposely omitted his correct name, but will give same and his address to anyone who wishes to investigate this trick for themselves.

NADISON LITERARY LEAGUE.

Officers Elected at Last Saturday Night's Meeting.

The Madison Literary League met at the Madison schoolhouse last Saturday night. A good program of recitations and readings was rendered, after which the audience had the pleasure of listening to an able address by Attorney George Covarré of Fresno on the subject, "The Early Pioneer of California."

Mr. Covarré's lecture which was entertaining and highly instructive, was listened to with rapid attention.

The league elected officers for the ensuing year of six weeks as follows: President, J. H. Brown; vice-president, Guy Granger; secretary, Miss Emma Davis; treasurer, Miss Grace Davis; marshal, Claude Fair; program committee, Misses Margaret Manson and Kittie Burnham and Mr. Guy Granger.

Welcomed Home.

A number of the friends of S. G. Hess gathered at the late train last night to welcome him home from West Virginia, where he had been for the past two years.

VISITS COUNTRY SCHOOLS.

County Supt. Kirk Finds them in Good Condition.

County Superintendent of Schools T. J. Kirk visited country schools this week, and was well pleased with the way in which they were conducted. Last Wednesday he inspected the Scandinavian district school, under the charge of Dr. J. E. Martin and Miss Alice Rogers. He found the work of the entire school satisfactory, and was particularly pleased with the progress made in the primary department under Miss Rogers. Seventy pupils were in attendance at the school.

The district had twenty-eight pupils going to school, the fourth, and the school was making good progress under their new teacher, Miss Bertha Wick, who succeeded Miss Mabel Houston, resigned. Miss Wick is a teacher of much experience, and is thoroughly at home in the school room.

Yesterday Mr. Kirk made a trip to the Princeton school, Miss Cora McDonald, teacher. The pupils manifested much interest in their work. Yesterday a petition was being signed by the County Superintendent for the formation of a new school district at Fowler, a station on the Valley road west of Ottertail. The new district is to be known as Fowler district, and will embrace portions of the Princeton, Colton, Monroe, Fowler and Princeton districts. The petition is headed by Philip Kowher, while Edward M. Drury and P. W. Hattie are also moving spirits in the formation of the new district.

WANTED FOR BURGLARY.

Thos. Ward Charged With Stealing Tools From a House.

Thomas Ward, the South Sea Islander who has a crazy wife, is wanted by the Fresno officers for burglary. Yesterday Frank Palmer notified the authorities that Ward had entered his house north of town and stolen some tools and household goods on Thursday afternoon.

It is claimed that Ward sold the tools to second-hand dealers and took for himself a considerable sum of money. John Smith is working on the case and he left yesterday afternoon for the West Side, where he will endeavor to capture the burglar.

It will be remembered that the Wards were arrested recently and charged with grand larceny in stealing the bicycle of City Attorney Smith. The charges against the husband and wife were dismissed because of a lack of evidence, although the wheel was found in their possession.

COALING NEWS

Painful Accident to Dr. Tiffany.

Coast Range Cattle Poor for Lack of Feed—More Oil Development.

Dr. E. N. Tiffany was seriously hurt while on his way to visit a patient in Priest Valley, Monterey county, yesterday. He was driving along the road about two miles above Wathena when, without warning, the front axle of the buggy gave way, throwing his steele, who was with him, out of the buggy. The horses became frightened and commenced to run, and making a sudden turn threw the doctor from the buggy so far as to break his right arm above the elbow and dislocate it at the shoulder. The accident happened at 2 o'clock p. m. He suffered a great deal before getting away on the train today for Hanford, where he can get medical and surgical attention. Miss Tiffany escaped injury.

Since my last the earth in these parts has been twice rolled in white. About two inches of snow fell in both storms, the 9th and 11th inst. The ground now is about as dry as if no moisture had fallen.

Elder Coffin of the M. E. Church, South, held services at the school house yesterday evening. A large congregation gathered to hear him. Sunday morning, back he did not get to the school house, and Rev. Brown, the pastor, filled the pulpit.

Wahb & May have had an extension put on their store building. The new building is situated on these old rights in his gasoline tank. He expects to start for the new Eldorado in about five weeks.

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A MAYOR OR NOT?

Do We Want a Chief Executive?

What a City of the Fourth Class is

And the Changes That Would Take Place by Becoming Such.

Does Fresno want to be a city of the fourth class?

This is a question that the voters of this city may be called upon to decide in the very near future. As reported in yesterday morning's REPUBLICAN, A. L. Hobbs suggested the change at the meeting of the Hundred Thousand Club, and it received the approval of the gentlemen of that organization who were present; at least, they were in favor of ascertaining how the change could be effected and what it would involve. A committee consisting of Messrs. Bernhard, Hobbs and George A. Smith was appointed to consider the matter and make a report on the desirability of proceeding with it.

Of course, the first things that the voters will want to know are what a city of the fourth class is, the advantages that would be derived from the change and what the additional expense would be to the taxpayers, if any.

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THE SIERRA ROAD

Congressman C. H. Castle

Favors the Project.

Explains His Views and Suggests a Different Method of Procedure.

From Saturday's Daily.

Attorney Wiley J. Tinnin has received a letter from Congressman C. H. Castle in regard to the proposed appropriation of \$40,000 by congress for the Sierra road through the Yosemite National Park. The highway would open a great natural country and also give access to some of the most beautiful scenery in the world.

The projected road starts from the vicinity of the California mills and Crane valley, passes through a country of about thirty miles. The road between these points will pass through Reservoir and Jackson Meadows, thence across the north fork of the San Joaquin, thence through Snow Canyon and across the San Joaquin and Kings creeks to Mammoth.

In his communication Congressman Castle says:

"I am heartily in favor of government construction of public highways through the national parks and will most earnestly do all possible for the furtherance of the wishes of the petitioners, but I desire to state it would be an extremely difficult, if not an altogether impossible task to secure any appropriation for the construction of an enterprise of this character without first having the usual examination made and the recommendations of the Interior department as to the feasibility, etc. I am not in a position to make any recommendation, but I believe that the best plan would be to work to secure the creation of a commission of engineers to act under the direction of the Interior department to examine the route and report thereon."

"I am satisfied that under present conditions, with our finances in very bad shape and while the plea of dry extreme economy is being raised by our people, it would be very difficult to secure an appropriation as desired by the petitioners. I am constrained to speak frankly on this matter that there may be no future misunderstanding. I will introduce an appropriate resolution in the near future, and I will bring all the influence I can to its aid, although I think the plan of action here suggested, and which is otherwise generally practicable, and which would really expedite matters. Very respectfully yours, C. H. Castle."

DEATH OF S. A. MILLER.

A Pioneer of Fresno Passed Away Last Night.

S. A. Miller, well known in this community as a former owner of the Fresno REPUBLICAN, died at his home, corner of E and Calaveras streets, this city, last night about 11:30 o'clock, from apoplexy.

Mr. Miller was a native of New York state, and was 63 years of age. In early life he was engaged in the great lumber trade and was master of a vessel at the age of 22. In 1863 he came to California and went into the mines in Placer county, and afterward was for several years a resident of Visalia, Cal., where he was married to Miss Sarah Diamond, who survives him.

In 1878 Mr. Miller came to Fresno county and bought a place in the Central colony, where he built a comfortable home. He was one of the promoters of the Nevada colony and was instrumental in bringing a large number of families from Nevada to this settlement. Late in the fall of 1879 he purchased the Fresno REPUBLICAN from Dr. Tinnin, and conducted the paper successfully for about five years. About this time he established the Fresno telephone system. He dealt largely in real estate and accumulated considerable property. He was a man of great energy and public enterprise, strong in his friendships and equally strong in his friendships. His virtues outshone his faults, and he will be a kindly remembrance by those who knew him.

New Fire Map of Fresno.

Eugene Brunner, insurance surveyor, arrived in Fresno yesterday from San Francisco for the purpose of making a new fire map of Fresno and additions. The new map is made necessary by the growth and changes of the city, it having been ten years since the last map was made. Mr. Brunner will be engaged in his work between two and three months.

It's Not Expensive.

It's the quality that's high in Tea Garden Dried, Tobaccos Maple Syrup, Pelican Louisiana Molasses. For sale by first-class grocers in cases only. Money refunded if goods are not satisfactory. Do not be deceived by cheap imitations. The manufacturer's name is lithographed on every can.

The Pacific Coast Syrup Co.

Principal F. C. Moore of the Central school returned from San Francisco last evening.

Garrett Will Donate \$2250 to Manly's Road Fund to Buy It.

The Fresno and Pine Ridge road, which has been before the Board of Supervisors for over a year at different times, was brought up again yesterday. Judge Strother appeared before the supervisors, representing owners of the road.

The status of the case is quite a peculiar one at the present time. The owners of the road claim that the county has bought it, but has not paid for it, and they petitioned the supervisors to please "pounce."

When the petition was presented to the board over a year ago commissioners were appointed to view the road and make a report. They reported that the value of the road was \$7500. The board at that time accepted the report and designated the general fund as that out of which the road was to be paid for. But there they ran up against a snag, for the Auditor refused to draw a warrant on that fund, and upon mandamus proceedings being taken the court decided that the general fund could not be used for that purpose. The road district fund being the proper one to draw upon.

The matter was dropped then, as there was not enough money in the fund of District No. 2, where the highway is located, to pay for it. The Fresno and Pine Ridge Toll Road Company, however, claimed all along that the supervisors had legally purchased the road, and if they didn't legally purchase it, they wouldn't be able to pay for it. Aided from that technicality, a majority of the board are in favor of buying the road. Supervisor Manly, in whose district it is, says that he believes the county should own the road and not vote for its purchase. Supervisor Gar-

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PUBLIC OPINION

On the Classification of Fresno.

Believed the Town Should Have a Mayor

But General Opposition is Expressed to Increased Taxation.

From Friday's Daily.

"What do you think of the suggestion induced by the Hundred Thousand Club to change the class of Fresno as a city from the fifth to the fourth?" was the question put by a Republican reporter to a number of prominent citizens yesterday to ascertain the public sentiment in regard to the proposed change.

The matter had sprung up suddenly, however, that few of those interviewed had given it sufficient consideration to express a clear-cut opinion the one way or the other. The general sentiment, however, was in opposition to anything that would increase taxation, unless the benefit to be derived from the change was a very noticeable one, and those who were asked for their views could not see where any great benefit would accrue to the town by making the change.

The principal advantage that was generally recognized in the proposed change was the election of a mayor, but if the city should be under any additional expense, even a mayor, elected by the people, would not outweigh the opposition to higher taxation.

It is quite a fact that the city should have a population of 10,000, but no doubt was entertained on that score, as the population is placed above that mark by most business men.

There are the views secured on the subject.

"I, B. White, president of the First National Bank—I have really not given the subject any consideration, but I will say that I am opposed to anything that would increase taxation, unless the benefit to be derived from the change was a very noticeable one, and those who were asked for their views could not see where any great benefit would accrue to the town by making the change."

John McCallin, president of the Fresno National Bank—I have not given the matter enough thought to express an opinion on it worth anything. It is something that certainly should be examined into thoroughly before taking any steps in that direction. I think a town of the size of Fresno should have a mayor, but I don't believe that the twelve commissioners provided for in cities of the fourth class would make a rather cumbersome board.

F. J. Haber, insurance agent—The matter of extent to which the city should be under any additional expense, even a mayor, elected by the people, would not outweigh the opposition to higher taxation. When the town develops a little more it will be time enough then to make the change.

Harry V. Armitage, local manager of Wells Fargo—I read the article in the REPUBLICAN this morning, and think that a city the size of Fresno should have a mayor, as I have been in smaller towns where I have seen the advantages of having a mayor. I believe that the twelve commissioners provided for in cities of the fourth class would make a rather cumbersome board.

Alex Goldstein, manager of the Fresno Bank—I intend to look into the matter, but I haven't had time to do so as yet. We have an acting mayor now in President Grayson of the Board of Trustees, out of course, he has not the veto power.

Louis Gundelinger, manager for Einstein & Co.—On the surface there does not seem to be much of a change, but I would want to look into the matter more closely before giving a definite answer. I don't think it would mean an increase in taxation, and if so, whether the additional expense would result in benefits in proportion. I am for advancement, for improvement, and steady growth, but the people cannot be taxed more than they are able to pay.

I think we are doing pretty well under our present city government. We have a good electric lighting system, an efficient fire department, good police protection, a small jail and a city hall that is not without changing our government.

W. T. Mattingly, insurance agent—

Embarrassed a Wagon.

Constable Irvine of Sanger brought Harry Lewis down from Sangers last night on a charge of embarrassment. He is accused of having embarrassed a wagon belonging to G. W. Brown of Sanger.

Call as an Expert.

John Reichenman, the real estate man, received a subpoena yesterday to attend the trial of Fiegel, charged with forgery in San Francisco. Mr. Reichenman is wanted as an expert to put on the stand in the case of Fiegel, who is supposed to have forged the signature of John Reichenman on a check for \$100,000.

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IN NOUGGET LAND

Restaurants Pay at Dawson.

What Mr. Darania Says of Klondyke.

Letter From F. C. Berry—Advices Friends to Stay Away From Alaska.

John Darania, who left this city last February for Alaska, has returned and was in Fresno yesterday, starting his old-time friends with the show of wealth that he made. A large nugget, adjusted to a pin, weighed on his four-in-hand necktie, and his pockets were lined with nuggets, but with hard coin.

"How much is that nugget worth?" asked one of his old-time friends, with an air of appropriateness in the presence of the chunk of yellow metal.

"Oh, not much," said Mr. Darania, rather indifferently. "I saw one, though, that was worth over \$500." He evaded a pertinent question or two as to the value of his necktie pin, and it is impossible to go into a store and price one just like it.

In conversation with a Republican reporter, Mr. Darania modestly admitted that he did not bring back a fortune with him, although he does not know how rich his interests in the country may turn out yet. He and three companions have been working claims in the Klondyke which they expect will "pan out" well this summer, when they will be worked.

Mr. Darania was engaged in the restaurant business in Dawson, and he and his associates did fairly well, clearing about \$20,000 in a little over three months, according to the returned Klondyker. They have no bill-of-fare restaurant, but they have a stock of food. You simply have to take what you want and pay \$1.50 for an ordinary meal. When a hungry guest orders a few "extras" he is lucky to get off for \$3.

Mr. Darania's stock of goods, and the only fresh meat obtainable was mutton. Two of his partners in the restaurant went out with their gun all the time keeping the eating house supplied with fresh meat. The hunters were successful, and the restaurant and earned their money to catch a sight of the meat. The place then did a big business while the fresh supply lasted.

Mr. Darania had to close up his business, however, as his stock almost ran out and money became scarce. He then found his place for six months for \$1800, gold, paid in advance. He did not have a stock of food, but he had a few barrels of meat, and an average of \$1 a pound. His candles, which are indispensable to the miners, brought 85 cents each, and fifteen sacks of flour brought \$70 a sack. He states that there is no more money than food in the country; but he does not believe that there will be the suffering there that newspaper reports say. Even in the new El Dorado, so called, tramps have made their appearance, who are said to have a lot of food for a meal. Up there they are called tramps, as the word is convenient to designate them, but they are disappointed fortune-hunters trying to win their way back to civilization. Mr. Darania will go to San Francisco today and will buy a supply of staples in order to again open his restaurant. He expects to be plodding over the pass by the first of March. He thinks tramps will be better off when they return, as there will be more people in the country, and he is confident that the gold supply will last.

Mr. Darania has received the following letter from his friend F. C. Berry, who came by way of Seattle, and although mailed on October 18, 1897, it did not arrive in Fresno until yesterday.

"DEAR FRIEND BERRY—I received your letter a few days ago, and was glad to hear from you. I would not be in Fresno, but there is no news of anything. I am still in the same old place, waiting for the first of the season. I will try and get out on the first boat I can be in California in time to get some fresh fruit.

"A number of Fresno county boys are here, and several of them are like me, waiting for provisions are very scarce. Men are leaving every day and going to Fort Yukon, where provisions are plentiful. They will winter there, and cannot make one cent, as there will be no work.

"There is not enough work for the men that are here now, and my advice is not to come. Hundreds of men are trying to make a small stake and cannot. Next year wages will be down very low, for there will be no many men here looking for work. There are a few creeks that are rich in gold, including Eldorado, Bonanza, Bonanza and Gold Bottom. The latter is not near as rich as Eldorado. These creeks are staked from head to mouth as there is no chance for a man to make any claims on them. A man has no chance to make a stake unless he strikes another Eldorado and I don't think that anyone will strike it. Men are prospecting all over the country now, and there is fifteen miles from here and it is a hot place. There are two dance houses and champagne sells for \$30 a bottle.

"I am tired of working and wish I had some place to go to for a while. I don't suppose I shall have much trouble in catching one when I get out with a sack. Just tell me I am coming."

THE CASE DISMISSED.

Wong Lee, a Lottery Ticket Peddler, Given His Liberty.

Wong Lee, arrested on the 11th inst. by Policemen Smith and charged with peddling lottery tickets, was tried before Recorder Clark yesterday. W. D. Tupper was attorney for the defense, and he asked that the case be dismissed on the ground that no offense against the law had been named in the complaint.

The complaint read, "peddling," and did not allege that any tickets had been sold. Tupper contended that this was a serious defect in the complaint. Deputy District Attorney Williams and City Attorney Smith also took the view of the matter, and Recorder Clark thereupon dismissed the charge against Wong Lee.

It seems almost an impossibility to convict the Chinese lottery dealers, as they evade the law in any way and are not being arrested. Wong Lee had a number of lottery tickets and marking pencils with him when arrested. He was traveling around town offering the tickets for sale when Policemen Smith took him in charge.

MADARA ITEMS.

Wedding of A. L. Sayre and Miss Ella Hensley—Personals.

A. L. Sayre and Miss Ella Hensley were married this morning, returning this afternoon.

Attorney W. T. Sayre spent today in Fresno, whether he went on the early train this forenoon to look after business matters.

Judge W. M. Conley and wife, Will Krohn and wife, C. E. Eubanks, E. E. Wilcox, J. Shaffer and wife, Capt. Casper and A. L. Hensley, all of whom were in town from Madara that are in attendance at the Golden Jubilee this week.

W. F. Baird is removing his furniture today into one of the offices in the Madara bank building.

A. L. Sayre and Miss Ella Hensley, both of Madara, were united in marriage yesterday at noon at the residence of the bride's parents, the Rev. W. D. McNeil, residing at this section for a number of years past, is extensively engaged in raising grain and is recognized as one of Madara's most respected and enterprising citizens. The bride is the daughter of John Hensley, a well-known citizen, a graduate of the State Normal school and a young lady of varied accomplishments. The friends of the contracting parties extend congratulations.

John Barker of Fresno is in Madara this week on business.

Speedie & Hensley's delivery horse, which the driver had left in front of the house of one of the firm's customers today, took flight at something and ran into the street. The frightened animal narrowly escaped colliding with some team standing along the hitching racks on Yosemite avenue. The horse was finally stopped after having run a few rods and broken away from the driver's grasp.

CITY SCHOOL TERM.

It Closes Next Friday—A High School Field Day.

The first term of the city schools for the year closes next Friday, on which day promotions will be made. On the following Monday the new term will open, when receiving classes will be formed. All children who are of the age of 6 years, or who will be 6 years old during the first six weeks of the new term, are entitled to be enrolled.

The high school boys are preparing to give an athletic field day at the city grounds on the 23rd of next month, the proceeds to go toward the gymnasium.

At George George's concert yesterday gave a very interesting lecture to the civil government class of the high school. His subject was the California constitution of 1879. He treated of the history of the constitution, the constitutional convention, and called attention to some of the provisions of the constitution as adopted. The speaker also gave some very interesting incidents of the second constitutional convention, and the various amendments to the constitution.

ENEMIES MEET.

Mitrovich and Negotino Have Another Lively Scrap.

S. N. Mitrovich and S. F. Negotino are becoming frequent visitors to the justice courts. Whenever the two meet nowadays it seems that a row ensues and one or both are arrested for disturbing the peace, battery or some other trivial breach of the law.

Yesterday Mitrovich and Negotino met in the streets and a lively scrap ensued. The two immediately began to quarrel. Negotino tried to throw Mitrovich's ear, but only succeeded in getting a mouthful of hair. Mitrovich is the more likely fellow and came out victorious in the fight. He is now in a cage of honor and endeavoring to secure a warrant for Negotino for mayhem. He says that Negotino seemed determined to fight and that there was no other way of settling out of the difficulty with honor and ease intact.

MISSED A FORTUNE.

But Schuyler Hess Believes There Are Others.

Schuyler Hess, the young musician who formerly worked for James Porteous, has returned to Fresno to go here to the Klondyke. Hess might have been returning from the frozen north with his fortune made instead of about to start there to dig a fortune out of the cold ground.

Two years ago Clarence Berry, who made a killing in the Klondyke, started and Hess to go with him in the worst way, and the young man had made up his mind to accompany Berry when he received a telegram from his old home in West Virginia announcing the serious illness of his mother, and he was bound to return home, where he remained until starting for this city. Young Hess is just as sanguine as ever, though, in reference to the Klondyke. He will leave by the first of March.

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The Board of Supervisors yesterday afternoon received the report of Stephen Arthur, who was appointed to expert the books of the county hospital and poor farm.

The following is a summary of his labor, a detailed statement of expenditures and receipts by month being appended to his report:

"To the Board of Supervisors of Fresno County, Cal., Gentlemen: In accordance with your instructions of January 14, 1898, I have examined the books, bills, etc., of the county hospital, there were not any books kept for the years 1896 and not enough in 1897 to be of much use in making an estimate of the cost of running the hospital. I have looked over all the bills and have found